

What it's all about

By PAUL ALLEN

BRANSON STIMMEL, insurance man, tore a poster out of a subway window, and was arrested. He claims an old English law gives him the right to tear down all signs he doesn't like. The law to which he refers gave citizens the right to remove "any nuisance." You can imagine what a lot of removing would be done if that law were upheld!



OLD ENGLISH LAW MIGHT have been good for old England. It is hardly likely to be good for New York. In almost every law case some statute almost equally ancient is called into play. Our lawyers and lawmakers would do a good job if they cleared out the antique rubbish and adopted modern laws that some one (including themselves) could understand.

EASTERNERS ARE MARVELING at the cross-continent automobile race by Louis B. Miller, who came from Pacific to Atlantic in eighty-three hours. That means an average of more than forty miles an hour for the 3,367-mile trip. too fast for safety and too fast for comfort.



IF ALL ROADS WERE AS jammed with traffic as are those around New York, the job couldn't be done in 883 hours. High speed is made across the Western plains where the road rolls mile after mile in endless procession through uninhabited territory. There seventy-five to a hundred miles an hour is possible without danger to the neighbors. For ordinary travelers we recommend trains or even airplanes in preference to Miller's way.

WHAT TO PAY THE WAITER and the porter and the bellboy and the hatboy has been a puzzle that has turned many a hair gray. Now all that's necessary is to follow the schedule adopted with President Coolidge's approval. Thirty cents a day maximum for bellboys and hotel maids. A quarter for porters on parlor cars. Fifteen cents for carrying baggage. Twenty cents a meal to waiters.

Most Americans are afraid of giving too little. As a result, they give too much. The government schedule is a good one to keep in mind. The rates are fair.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS ago there were British soldiers swarming all over this section of America. Washington's forces were in retreat, and the Revolution looked like a total loss. The Colonists' example of seeing the thing through should be an inspiration to every American who has any pride in his country. Every luxury we enjoy today is ours because those men were ready to suffer for an ideal.



HISTORIC HOUSE GONE

WANAQUE, N. J., Aug. 31.—Workmen on the new Wanauque Dam destroyed the last evidence of the famous Sylvester Falconer homestead of Revolutionary days. Washington attended a court martial at this house.

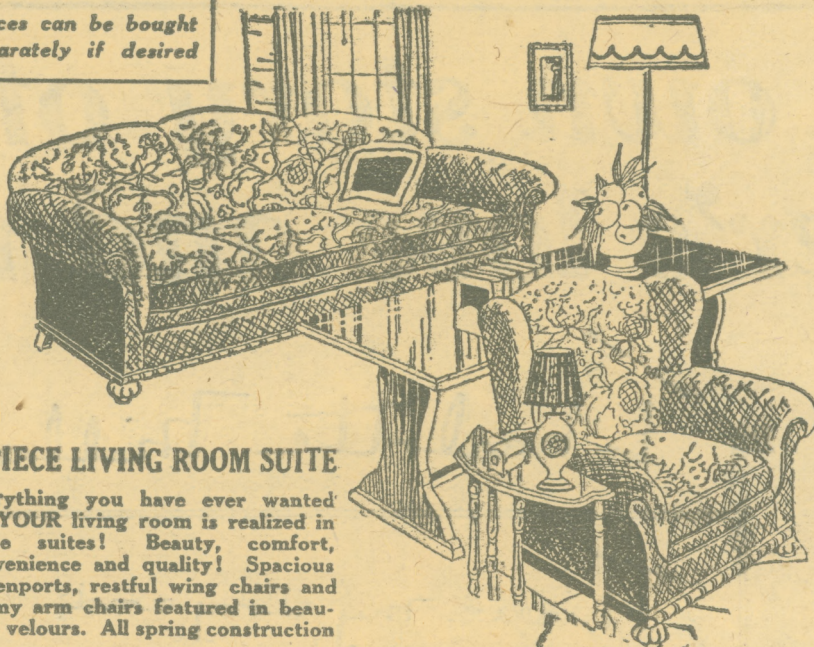
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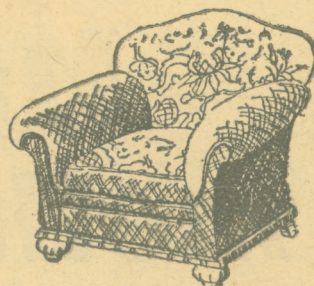
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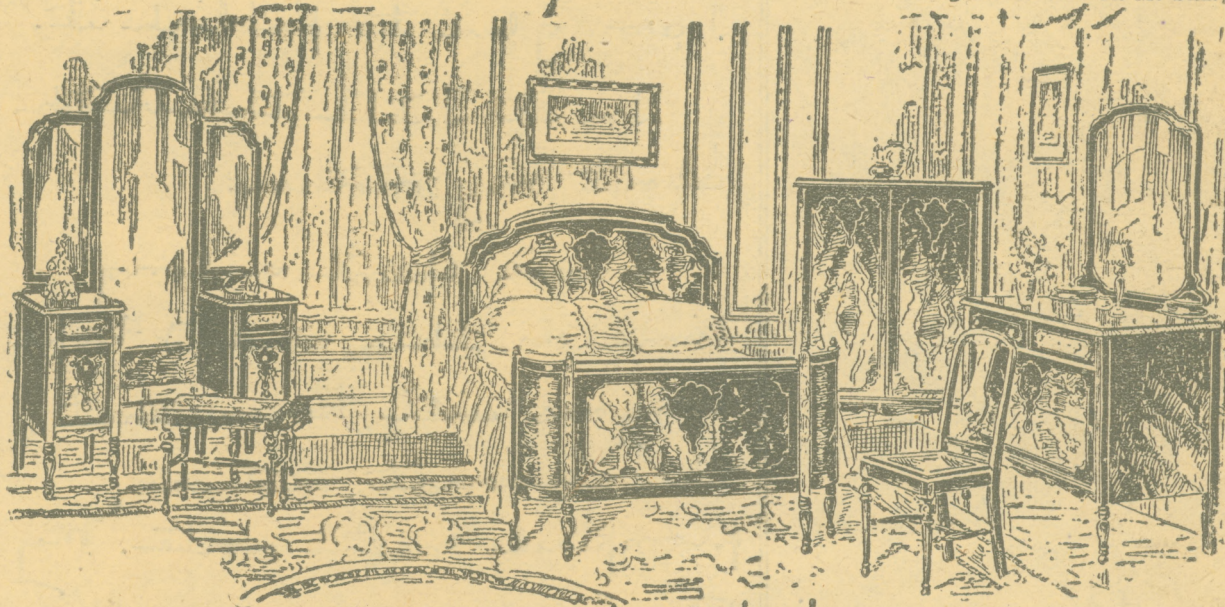
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